

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas democracy in Peru suffered a severe setback when the Government of Peru, headed by President Alberto Fujimori, manipulated democratic electoral processes and failed to establish the conditions for free and fair elections—both for the April 9, 2000, election and the May 28, 2000, run off—by not taking effective steps to correct the “insufficiencies, irregularities, inconsistencies, and inequities” documented by the Organization of American States (OAS) and other independent election observers;

Whereas the absence of free and fair elections in Peru has further undermined democracy in that country and constitutes a major setback for the Peruvian people and for democracy in the Hemisphere; and

Whereas the fate of Peruvian democracy is a matter that should be decided upon by the people of Peru: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That (a) the Congress—

3 (1) supports efforts toward restoring democracy
4 in Peru, including the shortening of the term of
5 Alberto Fujimori, the recent call for new elections,

1 and the decision to deactivate the National Intel-
2 ligence Service (SIN);

3 (2) is concerned that the same elements which
4 have systematically undermined democratic institu-
5 tions in Peru and which manipulated the electoral
6 process in April and May 2000 remain in power and
7 are in a position to manipulate the upcoming elec-
8 toral process; and

9 (3) supports the efforts of Peruvian democratic
10 civil society to create the necessary conditions for
11 free and fair elections, including improving respect
12 for human rights, the rule of law, the independence
13 and constitutional role of the judiciary and the na-
14 tional congress, and freedom of expression and of
15 the independent media.

16 (b) It is the sense of Congress that—

17 (1) it should be the policy of the United States
18 to actively support the aspirations of the democratic
19 political forces in Peru for a credible transition to-
20 ward the full restoration of democracy and the rule
21 of law in Peru, headed by leaders who are committed
22 to democracy and who enjoy the trust of the Peru-
23 vian people;

24 (2) it should be the policy of the United States
25 to work with the international community, including

1 the OAS, to assist democratic forces in Peru in re-
2 storing democracy to their country;

3 (3) the Government of Peru should establish a
4 fully independent and credible election authority and
5 should end all interference with freedom of speech
6 and the media;

7 (4) the Government of Peru should fully imple-
8 ment the recently enacted law deactivating the SIN
9 and the United States Government should oppose all
10 elements of the Government of Peru that continue to
11 subvert Peruvian democracy; and

12 (5) the United States Government should co-
13 operate fully with any credible investigation of nar-
14 cotics or arms trafficking by officials of the Govern-
15 ment of Peru.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political forces in Peru toward an immediate and full restoration of democracy in that country.